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- 1 page of introductory comments
- 1 page of a description of the specification amendments
- 2 pages of amended claims
- 1 page of description of the drawing amendments
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Introductory Comments

The scope of the invention has been narrowed to cover only the fluid contacting vessel (previously referred to as the air washing mechanism and housing) as described presently. Prior claims described the components of the apparatus. The amended claims describe the process by which a vapor or gas is contacted with a liquid. Refer to the amended specification, claims, and drawings.

I did approach a couple of patent attorney offices for assistance in producing and submitting the patent application. However, the estimated cost of between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to provide such legal services was prohibitive.